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JUNE CROP REPORT

Kentucky farmers expect to harvest 34.3 million bushels of **winter wheat** during 2015 according to the Kentucky Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The expected crop for 2015 would be down 5 percent from the previous year. The forecast was based on crop conditions as of June 1 and increased 4 percent from the May forecast. Growers expect a yield of 73.0 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from 2014 and up 3.0 bushels from May. Farmers seeded 620,000 acres last fall with 470,000 acres to be harvested for grain. Acres for other uses totaled 150,000 acres and will be used as cover crop for tobacco or cut as silage or hay.

As of May 31, winter wheat was rated 1 percent very poor, 4 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 59 percent good and 20 percent excellent.

Winter wheat production for the **Nation** was forecast at 1.51 billion bushels, up 2 percent from the May 1 forecast and up 9 percent from 2014. Based on June 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at 44.5 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushels from last month and up 1.9 bushels from last year. The expected area to be harvested for grain or seed totals 33.8 million acres, up 5 percent from last year.

Winter Wheat, Selected States & U.S., June 1, 2015

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield/Ac			Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015		2014	2015
						May	June		
	(1,000 Ac)	(1,000 Ac)	(1,000 Ac)	(1,000 Ac)	(Bushels)	(Bushels)	(Bushels)	(1,000 bushels)	(1,000 bushels)
Colorado	2,750	2,500	2,350	2,250	38.0	37.0	38.0	89,300	85,500
Illinois	740	600	670	570	67.0	67.0	66.0	44,890	37,620
Indiana	390	340	335	305	76.0	74.0	74.0	25,460	22,570
Kansas	9,600	9,400	8,800	8,500	28.0	32.0	37.0	246,400	314,500
KENTUCKY	630	620	510	470	71.0	70.0	73.0	36,210	34,310
Missouri	880	840	740	720	58.0	60.0	60.0	42,920	43,200
Montana	2,500	2,400	2,240	2,300	41.0	41.0	44.0	91,840	101,200
Nebraska	1,550	1,600	1,450	1,460	49.0	40.0	42.0	71,050	61,320
Ohio	620	550	545	530	74.0	70.0	73.0	40,330	38,690
Oklahoma	5,300	5,400	2,800	4,100	17.0	29.0	28.0	47,600	114,800
South Dakota	1,210	1,420	1,080	1,100	55.0	44.0	41.0	59,400	45,100
Tennessee	530	470	475	410	66.0	69.0	71.0	31,350	29,110
Texas	6,000	5,900	2,250	3,750	30.0	35.0	32.0	67,500	120,000
Washington	1,700	1,750	1,640	1,680	52.0	63.0	62.0	85,280	104,160
U.S.	42,399	40,751	32,304	33,838	42.6	43.5	44.5	1,377,526	1,505,072

Poultry - Production & Value, Kentucky & U.S.

Item	Kentucky			United States		
	2012	2013 ¹	2014	2012	2013 ¹	2014
BROILERS						
Number Produced (000)	309,500	309,500	308,000	8,463,000	8,533,800	8,544,100
Pounds Produced (000)	1,733,200	1,671,300	1,724,800	49,655,600	50,678,200	51,373,100
Value of Production (000\$)	866,600	1,014,479	1,098,698	24,827,800	30,761,669	32,724,667
EGG PRODUCTION						
Eggs Produced (million)	1,037	1,143	1,219	93,292	97,555	99,768
Value of Production (000\$)	116,078	131,969	154,849	7,851,830	8,678,859	10,166,321
CHICKENS						
Number Sold (000)	2,384	2,385	4,278	179,019	185,837	188,412
Pounds Sold (000)	17,642	18,842	25,668	900,163	922,546	947,499
Value of Sales (000\$)	2,399	2,996	3,363	79,086	87,939	96,557

¹ Revisions possible.

Crop Average Prices Received ¹

Commodity	Kentucky		U.S.	
	Apr 2014	Apr 2015	Apr 2014	Apr 2015
	Entire Month		Entire Month	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
All Corn (Bu) ²³	4.95	4.09	4.71	3.75
Soybeans (Bu) ²	14.40	10.20	14.30	9.70
Winter Wheat (Bu) ²	(4)	(4)	7.07	5.50
Hay, Alfalfa (Ton)	190.00	210.00	207.00	184.00
Hay, Other (Ton)	90.00	110.00	156.00	142.00

¹ Only full month prices published starting in January 2015. ² Includes contract sales paid during month. ³ Includes yellow and white corn. ⁴ Kentucky is a minor State, not published separately.

Livestock Average Prices Received ^{1 2}

Commodity	United States		
	Apr 2014	Mar 2015	Apr 2015
	Entire Mon		
	\$ / Cwt.	\$ / Cwt.	\$ / Cwt.
All Hogs	88.80	50.30	49.00
Barrows & Gilts	88.40	50.70	49.40
Sows	98.00	38.20	38.50
All Beef Cattle ³	148.00	160.00	162.00
Steers & Heifers ⁴	150.00	162.00	164.00
Cows	103.00	114.00	113.00
Calves ⁵	222.00	290.00	288.00

¹ U.S. prices based on data provided by USDA AMS. ² Only full month prices published starting in January 2015. ³ "Steers & Heifers" and "Cows" combined. ⁴ 500 lbs. and over. ⁵ Under 500 lbs.

Meat Animals : Production & Income - Kentucky

Species	2012	2013	2014
	(Thousand Pounds)	(Thousand Pounds)	(Thousand Pounds)
CATTLE & CALVES			
Production	600,595	537,163	571,419
Marketings	518,900	667,650	616,300
	(Thousand Dollars)	(Thousand Dollars)	(Thousand Dollars)
Cash Receipts	649,038	825,432	1,040,853
Gross Income	661,521	837,812	1,055,566
	(Thousand Pounds)	(Thousand Pounds)	(Thousand Pounds)
HOGS & PIGS			
Production	166,652	175,863	170,721
Marketings	173,185	181,678	175,020
	(Thousand Dollars)	(Thousand Dollars)	(Thousand Dollars)
Cash Receipts	112,229	122,394	133,145
Gross Income	113,805	124,093	135,086

FARM LABOR

There were 687,000 workers hired directly by farm operators on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of April 12-18, 2015, down less than 1 percent from the April 2014 reference week. Workers hired directly by farm operators numbered 549,000 during the week of January 11-17, 2015, up 2 percent from the January 2014 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$12.27 per hour during the April 2015 reference week, up 2 percent from the April 2014 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$11.34 per hour, an increase of 3 percent. Livestock workers earned \$11.58 per hour, up 2 percent. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$11.42 per hour, was up 3 percent from the 2014 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 39.9 hours during the April 2015 reference week, compared with 40.1 hours worked during the April 2014 reference week.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$12.53 per hour during the January 2015 reference week, up 2 percent from the January 2014 reference week. Field workers received an average of \$11.40 per hour, up 3 percent, while livestock workers earned \$11.69 per hour, up 3 percent from a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$11.52 per hour, was up 3 percent from the January 2014 reference week. Hired laborers worked an average of 39.2 hours during the January 2015 reference week, compared with 38.9 hours worked during the January 2014 reference week.

The number of hired works on farms in the **3-State Region including Kentucky**, Tennessee, and West Virginia totaled 26,000 during the week of April 12-18, 2015. Hired workers worked an average 32.0 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$11.35 per hour. Field workers averaged \$10.82 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$9.84 per hour. The number of hired works on farms totaled 20,000 during the week of January 11-17, 2015. Hired workers worked an average 32.1 hours during the survey week. The average wage rate for all hired workers was \$11.80 per hour. Field workers averaged \$10.82 per hour and livestock workers averaged \$10.48 per hour.

ANNUAL DAIRY PRODUCTS

Butter production in the United States during 2014 totaled 1.86 billion pounds, 0.3 percent below 2013. California accounted for 33.0 percent of the production.

Total cheese production, excluding cottage cheeses, was 11.5 billion pounds, 3.1 percent above 2013 production. Wisconsin was the leading State with 25.4 percent of the production. American type cheese production was 4.53 billion pounds, 2.6 percent above 2013 and accounted for 39.6 percent of total cheese in 2014. Wisconsin was the leading State in American type cheese production with 18.7 percent of the production. Italian varieties, with 4.95 billion pounds were 4.5 percent above 2013 production and accounted for 43.2 percent of total cheese in 2014. Mozzarella accounted for 79.3 percent of the Italian production followed by Provolone with 7.3 percent and Parmesan with 6.1 percent. California was the leading State in Italian cheese production with 31.6 percent of the production.

Ice cream production was down in 2014. Regular ice cream production totaled 872 million gallons, down 2.8 percent from 2013. Lowfat ice cream, at 412 million gallons, was up 2.7 percent. Nonfat dry milk for human food production, at 1.76 billion pounds, was up 19.4 percent from 2013.

Fourteen Kentucky plants produced one or more dairy products in 2014. Totals for dairy products manufactured in Kentucky are not published to avoid disclosing individual plant production.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 16.6 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from April 2014. March revised production at 16.9 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from March 2014. The March revision represented an increase of 30.0 million pounds or 0.2 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,928 pounds for April, 16 pounds above April 2014. This is the highest production per cow for the month of April since the 23 State series began in 2003.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.62 million head, 77,000 head more than April 2014.

Milk Production and Income - Kentucky

Item	2012	2013 ¹	2014
	<i>(Thousand Head)</i>	<i>(Thousand Head)</i>	<i>(Thousand Head)</i>
Avg. No. of Milk Cows	74	71	63
	<i>(Pounds)</i>	<i>(Pounds)</i>	<i>(Pounds)</i>
Milk per Cow ²	15,135	15,070	15,905
	<i>(Percent)</i>	<i>(Percent)</i>	<i>(Percent)</i>
All Milk - Percent of Fat	3.71	3.72	3.61
	<i>(Million Pounds)</i>	<i>(Million Pounds)</i>	<i>(Million Pounds)</i>
Total Milk ²	1,120	1,070	1,002
Fluid Grade Milk Marketed ³	1,109	1,060	993
		<i>(Dollars)</i>	
Avg. Price All Milk/Cwt. ⁴	19.80	21.50	25.80
		<i>(Thousand Dollars)</i>	
Cash Rcpts from Marketings	219,582	227,900	256,194
Gross Producer Income ⁵	219,780	228,115	256,452
Value of Milk Produced ^{4 6}	221,760	230,050	258,516

¹ Revisions possible. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³ Milk sold to plants and dealers as whole milk equivalent amounts of milk for cream. Includes milk produced by dealers' own herds and milk sold directly to consumers. Also includes milk produced by institutional herds. ⁴ Value at average returns per 100 pounds of milk in combined marketings of milk and cream. ⁵ Cash receipts from marketings of milk and cream plus value of milk used for home consumption. ⁶ Includes value of milk fed to calves.

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